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When Mr. Dulles returns to his office, I will show this to him.

Sincerely,

Signed

Assistant to the Director

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Dear Allen Dulles:

I was touched at your prompt reply to my letter. I had not realized how much a message of trust and confidence would mean to those of you who carry a heavy burden. What a marvelous job the C.I.A. has done. We might never have known the extent of your work if that unspeakable Krushchev had not blown the lid off. Never again will we have to pretend to welcome him, or to attribute to the Soviet aims and thoughts which they probably never thought of. We can go straight ahead and be made clear through -- until the next blow falls.

Thanks for the letter once again. All my affection to Mrs. Dulles and the children and the same to you under a more conventional name.

Always faithfully yours,

Laura Sherman Gray

P.S. My son Sherman is in Europe with his family. He is establishing branches for Merrill Lynch. He is moving from Geneva to London the first of July. The two younger sons of the Noble Robinsons (my daughter Barbara) are both spending the summer in Europe. All this does not add much to my peace of mind, but grandmothers must learn to face progress with courage.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

For your information, I am attaching  
Mrs. Gray's previous letter and a copy of  
your 5 June reply. I am also attaching a copy  
of our letter of 17 June which was sent to  
Mrs. Gray during your absence.

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